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## Education Committee

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### HB 1484

**Brief Description:** Concerning the statewide first responder building mapping information system.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dolan and Lekanoff.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Repeals statutes and safe school plan requirements related to the first responder mapping system for schools and other public buildings, and directs transfer of the mapping system information to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Governor, and other public entities upon request.

**Hearing Date:** 2/9/21

**Staff:** Megan Wargacki (786-7194).

**Background:**

Mapping System Creation, Operation, and Use. In 2003, the Legislature directed the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) to create a statewide first responder mapping system for schools and other public buildings (mapping system). The system is known as the Critical Incident Planning and Mapping System, or Rapid Responder. The mapping system is intended to provide information to emergency response agencies for natural disasters, criminal acts, and other incidents. The mapping system includes floor plans, contact information, utilities, hazards, and other information about schools and other public buildings. All emergency response agencies can access the mapping system for free.

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School districts are not required to update information or map new schools unless funding is available. For the last six fiscal years, state funding has covered only the operational costs of the mapping system.

Safe School Plans. School districts must adopt and implement "safe school plans" that include procedures for disaster prevention, intervention, all hazard/crisis response, and post-crisis recovery. The plans are required to be consistent with the mapping system and the mapping system must be used in one safety-related drill each year. To the extent funds are available, school districts must annually review and update these plans, which includes updates to the mapping system and reports to the WASPC.

Review of the Mapping System. Legislation enacted in 2019, directed the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to review how school districts and emergency response agencies use the mapping system. The study included a review of system data and surveys of school districts and law enforcement agencies. In January 2020, the JLARC issued a report of its findings and recommendations. The report includes information on the number of school districts that use other technologies for building mapping, mapping and operations costs, the varied uses of the mapping system, and identified advantages and limitations of the mapping system. The JLARC made two recommendations in the report: (1) the WASPC should develop and implement detailed training and outreach strategies that have measurable goals and targets; and (2) the WASPC should periodically review technology standards, address user feedback about technology issues, and use system data to inform its program management decisions.

### **Summary of Bill:**

Mapping System Operation and Use. Statutes requiring the operation of the mapping system by the WASPC and use of the mapping system by schools and other public buildings are repealed.

Safe School Plans. Implementation of safe school plans no longer requires: (1) consistency with the mapping system; (2) annual updates of the mapping system; (3) reports to the WASPC; nor (4) use of the mapping system in a safety-related drill.

Mapping System Information Transfer. No later than 90 days after the effective date of the bill, the WASPC must: (1) coordinate with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to transfer all information in the mapping system related to public schools to the OSPI; and (2) notify all public entities that are not public schools that the mapping system has been terminated as of the effective date of the bill. For any public entity that is not a public school that requests its data from the mapping system prior to December 31, 2021, the WASPC must coordinate a timely and efficient transfer of that entity's data to that entity. No later than December 31, 2021, the WASPC must provide the Governor, or the Governor's designee, all data related to any facility owned by any public entity in the mapping system. The WASPC is not required to provide any data or information regarding tactical or intelligence information to any person or entity that is not a Washington law enforcement agency.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 3, 2021.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.